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GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – A.P. Forest Department - Formation of road in Lingamparthy Reserve Forest in Compt. No.587 from Konda Timmapuram to China Vanthada in Yeleswaram Mandal – Illegal transportation of Laterite – Violation of Forest Conservation Act, 1980 & A.P. Forest Act, 1967 – Common disciplinary proceedings initiated – Inquiry under Rule-20 of A.P. Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991 against **Sri P. Srinivas, the then Surveyor, O/o the Assistant Director of Mines & Geology, Rajamahendravaram** – Articles of Charges – Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (Sec.IV) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.1 **Dated:03.01.2024.**

Read the following:

1)From the Director General, Vigilance & Enforcement Department, Vigilance Report No.55 (C.No.1678/V&E/NR-1/2016), dated 21.12.2018.
2)Memo.No.119/Sec.IV/A1/2019, EFS&T (Sec.IV) Department, dated 29.12.2023.

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ORDER:

It is proposed to hold an inquiry against Sri P. Srinivas, the then Surveyor, O/o the Assistant Director of Mines & Geology, Rajamahendravaram in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule- 20 of the A.P. Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehaviour in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of article of charges (Annexure-II). A list of documents by which, and a list of witnesses by whom, the articles of charges are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure-III and IV).

3. Sri P. Srinivas, the then Surveyor, O/o the Assistant Director of Mines & Geology, Rajamahendravaram, is informed that he is directed to submit a written statement of his defense within (10) days from the date of receipt of this order.

4. Sri P. Srinivas, the then Surveyor, O/o the Assistant Director of Mines & Geology, Rajamahendravaram, is informed that the inquiry will be held only in respect of those Articles of Charges as are not admitted. He should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each Article of Charge.

5. Sri P. Srinivas, the then Surveyor, O/o the Assistant Director of Mines & Geology, Rajamahendravaram, is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defense within the time specified in Para-3 above, further action will be taken based on the material available.

6. Sri P. Srinivas, the then Surveyor, O/o the Assistant Director of Mines & Geology, Rajamahendravaram, is informed that under Rule-24 of the A.P. Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964, no Government Servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interest in respect of matters pertaining to his service under the Government. If any representation is received on his behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt within these proceedings, it will be presumed that Sri P. Srinivas, the then Surveyor, O/o the Assistant

P.T.O.

Director of Mines & Geology, Rajamahendravaram is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against him for violation of Rule-24 of the A.P. Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

7. The receipt of this order may be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

NEERABH KUMAR PRASAD
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri P. Srinivas, the then Surveyor, O/o the Assistant Director of Mines & Geology, Rajamahendravaram through the Director of Mines & Geology, A.P., Ibrahimpatnam, Krishna District.

Copy to:

The Director of Mines & Geology, A.P., Ibrahimpatnam, Krishna District. (He is requested to serve the order on the individual, obtain his dated acknowledgment on the duplicate copy and resubmit the same to Government for record)
SF/SC (Computer No.1455666).

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ANNEXURE-I

STATEMENT OF ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI P.SRINIVAS, THE THEN SURVEYOR, O/o THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF MINES & GEOLOGY, RAJAMAHENDRAVARAM

That, P. Srinivas, the then Surveyor, o/o The Assistant Director Of Mines & Geology, Rajamahendravaram, the following irregularities have taken place in respect of Mining Lease held by Smt. Kude Lakshmi for Laterite in Vanthada village, Prathipadu Mandal, East Godavari District in Sy.No.7/1, 7/2,10/p, 12/p, 16 & 17/p over an extent of 10.417 Hectares.

Charge-I:

Sri P. Srinivas while working as Surveyor, in the Office of the Assistant Director of Mines & Geology, Rajamahendravaram submitted his survey report on 20.03.2007 and 21.03.2007 i.e., prior to the NOC from the Revenue Department with ulterior motives and also with malafide intention to get favour from the applicant Smt. K. Lakshmi and failed to discharge his legitimate duties to reconcile the quantity of mineral excavated by the lease holder for the financial years 2014-15 & 2015-16 within the boundaries or any encroachments by the lease holder for which the lessee is liable to pay S. Fee and double the market value of the mineral along with penalty to the Government for transportation of Laterite.

Charge-II:

Failed to mention the status of route for transportation of Mineral which is falls in Reserve Forest area.

Charge-III:

Failed to conduct survey in regular intervals and to ascertain whether the lease holder has conducting quarrying operations within the boundaries of the leasehold area or not, submit report to the higher officials from time to time.

Thus, Sri P. Srinivas, the then Surveyor, O/o the Assistant Director of Mines & Geology, Rajamahendravaram by the above mentioned acts has exhibited lack of integrity, devotion of duty and conduct unbecoming of a government servant and thereby violated Rule 3(1)(2) of A.P. Civil Services (Conduct), Rules, 1964.

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ANNEXURE-II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATIONS AND MISCONDUCT OR MISBEHAVIOR IN SUPPORT OF ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI P. SRINIVAS, THE THEN SURVEYOR, O/o THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF MINES & GEOLOGY, RAJAMAHENDRAVARAM

That Sri P.Srinivas, worked as Surveyor O/o Assistant Director of Mines and Geology, Rajamahendravaram and the following irregularities have been taken place during his tenure in respect of Mining Lease held by Smt. Kude Lakshmi for Laterite in Vanthada village, Prathipadu Mandal, East Godavari District In Sy.No.7/1, 7/2, 10/p, 12/p, 16 & 17/p over an extent of 10.417 Hectares.

According to the Memo No.8293/E1/98 dt 19-3-1998 of DM&G Hyderabad the duties of the Surveyor is as follows:-

a) The Surveyors along with the Technical Staff must conduct the inspection of the Mining Leases at the end of each financial year for reconciliation of the mineral that is actually extracted with that of the production and dispatches permits that are available in the Office Records and etc., as mentioned thereon.

i. But, Sri P.Srinivas while working as Surveyor, in the Office of the Assistant Director of Mines & Geology, Rajamahendravaram and submitted his survey report on 20-03-2007 and 21-03-2007 i.e prior to the NoC from the Revenue Department.

ii. Failed to mention the status of route for transportation of Mineral which is falls in Reserve Forest area as he has exhibited duty lack of integrity, devotion and conduct improper of government servant and thereby violated instructions of the Director of Mines & Geology.

iii. The surveyor must conduct Surveys and inspections with technical staff of his office once in a year to the mining lease/ quarry leased areas and must verify the lease boundaries compared to the granted and executed sketch, submit his progress report with pit volumes made by the lessee along with prepared sketch.

iv Due to violation of his duties, there is no survey and inspection for conducted quarrying operations made by the lease holder and failed to discharge his legitimate duties to reconcile the quantity of mineral excavated by the lease holder for the financial years 2014-15 & 2015-16 within the boundaries or any encroachments by the lease holder for which the lessee.

Thus, the Government Servant by the above mentioned acts has exhibited lack of integrity, devotion of duty and conduct unbecoming of a government servant and thereby violated Rule 3(1)(2) of A.P. Civil Services (Conduct), Rules, 1964.

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ANNEXURE-III

LIST OF DOCUMENTS BY WHICH THE ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI P.SRINIVAS, THE THEN SURVEYOR, O/o THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF MINES & GEOLOGY, RAJAMAHENDRAVARAM ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED.

1) Vigilance Report No.55(C.No.1678/V&E/NRI/2016), dated 21.12.2018.
2) NOC dated 09.07.2007 issued by the Tahsildar, Prathipadu Mandal.
3) Director of Mines & Geology, Memo.No.8293-E1/98, dated 19.03.1998.
4) Office Order No.2954/E/1995, dated.20.10.2016 of Assistant Director of Mines and Geology, Rajamahendravaram.

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ANNEXURE-IV

LIST OF WITNESSES BY WHOM THE ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI P.SRINIVAS, THE THEN SURVEYOR, O/o THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF MINES & GEOLOGY, RAJAMAHENDRAVARAM ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED.

1) Sri Lingaraj Banakar, Complainant, PragathiSamaj, Dalakasoti Village.
2) Officials of the Vigilance and Enforcement Department.
3) Deputy Director of Mines and Geology, Kakinada
4) Tahsildar, Prathipadu Mandal.

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